

St. Paddy's takeout dinner to support historic old stone church

First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston will offer a takeout traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at 505 Cayuga St. Pick-up will be at the back entrance of the church (drive-thru).

Dinner will include corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread and dessert. Preorder dinners are for sale for \$15 and can be reserved by Friday, March 12. Call the church office at 754-4945 and leave name, phone number and number of dinners to be reserved.

Full-price dinners at the door are \$17 and will be on a first-come, first-served basis until 6 p.m. (or sold out). Cash-only payments are appreciated.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward preservation of the Old Stone Church. The first church built in Lewiston opened in 1817 and played a key role in many village milestones. During the Civil War, it aided in the transport of slaves seeking freedom on the Underground Railroad. Church members would light the steeple providing a signal to peacekeepers in Queenston, Ontario, letting them know it was safe for the escaping slaves to cross the Niagara River to freedom.

Lewiston Presbyterian Church is open to all for worship on Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston is gearing up for a takeout traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner on Wednesday, March 17. Members coordinating the dinner are, from left: Patricia Berggren, Sandy Wasko, Louise Wasko and Jimmy Ewy. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward preservation of the Old Stone Church, Lewiston's oldest and most historic church.

County Golf Course now part of 'Thank a Vet Program'

Niagara County Legislator Jesse Gooch on Thursday announced the Niagara County Golf Course will now offer a discount to veterans who have signed up for the county's "Thank a Vet" program.

Gooch's resolution asking the Niagara County Parks Department to join the "Thank a Vet" program and set up a discounted rate passed the Legislature unanimously last month. Since then, Gooch has been working with the Parks Department to develop the rates.

He said the "Thank a Vet" discount will now be \$2 off of nine holes, \$4 off of 18 holes and 50% off any size bucket of balls at the driving range. That means a weekday 18-hole round of golf would only cost \$15 for members of the "Thank a Vet" program.

"The 'Thank A Vet' program is just a small way to acknowledge those who served our country," Gooch said. "So when I realized the county golf course did not have a discount, I worked with County Clerk Joe Jastrzemski and Deputy Commissioner for Parks Jeff Gaston to put this together."

He said any Niagara County resident who was honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces is eligible to receive a "Thank a Vet" card.

For more information on how to receive a card, call the Niagara County Clerk's Office at 439-7022.

Old Fort Niagara hosts 'inverse parade' to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day parades are a favorite activity this time of year, but many have been canceled due to the pandemic. From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Old Fort Niagara will host an "inverse" St. Patrick's Day parade. An "inverse parade" allows those on parade and those watching to switch places, maintain social distance and stay safe.

Visitors to the fort will move to dispersed areas in small groups to hear music by the Mackenzie Highlanders Pipes and Drums and Old Fort Niagara's Regimental Field Music. The fort will present musket and cannon firings accompanied by stories of Irish natives who served at the fort. These include Lt. Col. Eyre Massey, who won the Battle of La Belle Famille - where Youngstown stands today. Massey hailed from Limerick,

and made a career in the British Army.

Another prominent Irishman to serve at Fort Niagara was Sir William Johnson, who immigrated to New York from Ireland and rose to become one of the most important figures in colonial America. On March 18, 1747, Johnson wrote to New York Gov. George Clinton, "We kept St. Patrick yesterday & this day & drank your Health & all Friends in Albany with so many Healths, that I can scarce write."

Storytellers will relate dramatic and sometimes humorous accounts of common soldiers from Ireland who served at the fort



during the War of 1812. A cooking demonstration will offer visitors information about Irish foodways during the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Visitors who come in appropriate St. Patrick's Day attire will receive a discount on admis-

sion. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in adult and children's categories. Costumes should allow freedom of movement and visitors are advised to wear practical footwear.

Most activities will be outdoors or in well-ventilated historic buildings. Visitors are required to wear a facial covering and practice social distancing. More information is available at www.oldfortniagara.org.

Old Fort Niagara, currently open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays through Sundays, is a Registered National Historic Landmark and New York State Historic Site operated by the Old Fort Niagara Association (a not-for-profit organization) in cooperation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

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